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1. In official circles close to President Dutra there is a growing sentiment in favor of removing the present governor of Sao Paulo, Adhemar de Barros. Among the military figures in favor of such an action are Generals Alcio Souto and Canrobert; among the civilians is Costa Neto. However, President Dutra believes that federal intervention in Sao Paulo at this time would give rise to very serious consequences, possibly even civil war, and is not prepared to go the length of testing his political strength over this issue. He feels, nevertheless, that the continuance of de Barros in office is a constant threat to the internal security of Brazil, and that the possibility of employing legal means, such as impeachment, should be fully examined. This avenue is being seriously explored in secret by leaders of the government party both in Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo.
2. As the Sao Paulo Government does not merit confidence in matters pertaining to security, shifts were made in military personnel. Some 40 captains and some 60 lieutenants were transferred to the 2nd Military Region in Sao Paulo to fill its complement of officer personnel. At the same time three destroyers were dispatched to Santos.

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